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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

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[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1326]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-1326, to Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) <u>Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov.</u>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Management Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-4064, or (e-mail) Luis.Rodriguez3@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX)

online at www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances

that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and also are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at http://floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_fact_sheet.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for

inspection at both the online location and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at www.msc.fema.gov for comparison.

Barn	stable County, Massachusetts All Jurisdictions			
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata				
Community Town of Barnstable	Community Map Repository Address Barnstable Town Hall 367 Main Street Hyannis, MA 02601			
Town of Bourne	Bourne Town Hall 24 Perry Avenue Buzzards Bay, MA 02532			
Town of Brewster	Town Office 2198 Main Street Brewster, MA 02631			
Town of Chatham	Town Hall 549 Main Street Chatham, MA 02633			
Town of Dennis Town of Eastham	Dennis Town Hall Conservation Department 485 Main Street South Dennis, MA 02660 Town Hall 2500 State Highway Eastham, MA 02642			
Town of Falmouth	Town Hall 59 Town Hall Square Falmouth, MA 02540			
Town of Harwich	Town Hall 732 Main Street Harwich, MA 02645			
Town of Mashpee	Town Hall 16 Great Neck Road North Mashpee, MA 02649			
Town of Orleans	Town Hall 19 School Road Orleans, MA 02653			
Town of Provincetown	Town Hall 260 Commercial Street Provincetown, MA 02657			

Town of Sandwich	Town Hall 130 Main Street Sandwich, MA 02563
Town of Truro	Town Hall 24 Town Hall Road Truro, MA 02666
Town of Wellfleet	Town Hall 300 Main Street Wellfleet, MA 02667
Town of Yarmouth	Yarmouth Town Hall 1146 Route 28 South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Plymouth County, Massachusetts All Jurisdictions				
Maps Available for Inspection Online at: www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata				
Community	Community Map Repository Address			
Town of Duxbury	Town Hall 878 Tremont Street Duxbury, MA 02332			
Town of Kingston	Town Hall 26 Evergreen Street Kingston, MA 02364			
Town of Marshfield	Town Hall 870 Moraine Street Marshfield, MA 02050			
Town of Norwell	Town Hall 345 Main Street Norwell, MA 02061			
Town of Plymouth	Town Hall 11 Lincoln Street Plymouth, MA 02360			
Town of Scituate	Town Hall 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066			

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